

BRISK TIME
AT INFIRMARY

Inmates Take Baths and
Quarters are Scrub-
bed.

RADICAL REFORM
HAS BEEN INSTITUTED

News-Democrat's Crusade is
Productive of Early Results--
"Dish-Rag" Story is Given
Little Credence.

It has been learned that after the commissioners called in Superintendent Lichtenwalter of the infirmary, and read their statements to him, that he went back to the institution and immediately instituted some of the much needed reforms. The men inmates were all ordered to bathe, which they did, and their quarters were scrubbed out thoroughly.

The gentleman who gave the information said that things were lively about that place for a time after the superintendent's return from town. He seemed greatly incensed and stated that the commissioners had made it pretty warm for him.

The dish-rag story was received by the public as a rather rich joke, and the question was raised as to what kind of dish-rags these were that proved such efficient emetics. They would be invaluable as a substitute for lobelia and other drugs that doctors have to resort to in order to get rid of noxious stomach contents.

VARIETIES IN DISH RAGS.

Housewives generally, however, resent the imputation that all dish-rags have this quality, and they raise the question as to what kind of condition these must have been in before being placed over the heater to dry.

Without a single exception, persons who have mentioned the matter, say that the News-Democrat deserves credit for its fearless expose of a great wrong that has been done the poor inmates of this institution.

It has been learned from the records at the court house that the superintendent has not been altogether deprived of funds with which to purchase supplies, but whether he handles the money after it is secured is not known. For about two years every quarter the superintendent draws \$200 from the county infirmary for current expenses. This is under a new law which allows the superintendent a little ready money for immediate expenses. The public is not enlightened as to how this sum is expended.

THE LAST SCRUBBING.

The commissioners were informed while they were inspecting the buildings where the men are quartered at the infirmary that these places had not been scrubbed since April, and not since the April before previous to the last spring's cleaning.

If this be true, as the inmates stated, it is not much wonder that there were whiskers on the piles of filth in the buildings.

The commissioners have not as yet agreed on a joint report, nor have they met the directors. Each board expresses a desire to meet the other, where some lively scenes are looked for.

STARK COMPANY WANTS
SUPPLEMENTAL FRANCHISE

Original Grant Does Not Permit Road to Cross
Public Highways--In Hands of
Commissioners.

The Stark Electric Railway company which is building the line between Canton and Alliance, has made application for a supplemental franchise, through its attorneys, Weber & Turner. It was submitted to the commissioners Monday morning.

When this company first asked for a franchise, it was granted one over the public highway. For a time the matter seemed to lag, when from some source new vigor and capital were infused into the project and when the company was ready to build it concluded not to occupy the highway, but secured a private right of way almost parallel with public road. The franchise first

MALADY OF MADNESS
STILL ON AT SHELTON'S

Three More Domestic Animals,
Showing Hydrophobia Sym-
ptoms, Were Killed Saturday.

(Staff Special.)
Salem, Dec. 23.—The malady of madness which that dog afflicted with rabies left in his trail, as he ran amuck in the vicinity of Shelton's grove, 6 miles south of Salem, several weeks ago, is still terribly apparent, three more domestic animals having been killed on Saturday, they having developed unmistakable symptoms of madness. One of these was a fine two-year-old Jersey heifer, owned by Samuel Nold; the other two were sheep, the property of Mervin Farmer, all in the vicinity of Shelton's. The most marked symptoms displayed by these animals was their extreme aversion to water which indicated they had lost their animal instinct and even their eye-sight.

Three dogs owned by parties living near Hart's church, two miles from Salem, were known to have fought with the dog by which these other animals were bitten, and it is reported that one of these dogs, after showing symptoms of hydrophobia, has wandered away, nobody knows whither. The owners of these dogs have been repeatedly informed to shoot them, but strange to say, they have refused to do so. The excitement among the farmers of the neighborhood is on the increase.

HOLIDAY BOOM IN
MARRIAGE MARKET

Many Couples Preparing to
Have a Holiday Honeymoon--
More Coming Later.

The boom in marriage licenses is on at the probate office. It is the usual Christmas demand. The number has not been so large during the last day or two, but this is owing to the fact that many are waiting until Tuesday and Tuesday evening, so that the fact will not be published so long ahead.

As usual, the Alliance applicants request the newspapers not to publish the fact that they have secured permits, and with its usual perversity the News-Democrat gives the news to its readers. The following have been issued:

George T. Anderson, 24, and Elnora Kandel, 18, Canton.
Daniel Krabill, 25, and Pearl Starkey 22, Alliance.
Jacob Karlen, 31, and Eliza Sailer, 34, Maximo.
Wilbur F. Ware, 42, and Mary May Ellis, 29, Massillon.
Henry Miller, 28, and Mary E. Kohl 27, Massillon.
Orville R. Wiley, 24, and Wilhelmina Hange, 27, Canton.
Frank Pierman, 26, and Rita E. Staub, 17, Minerva.
Homer D. Monahan, 22, and Mary C. Wolf, 22, Robertsville.
George Hodgson, 21, and Mary M. Dewalt, 18, Canal Fulton.

MORE GOVERNMENT
BY INJUNCTION

Temporary Restraining Order
Against Union Miners of Ken-
tucky Made Permanent.

Special to the News-Democrat.
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 23.—Judge Evans handed down his decision in the case of the Reincke Coal Co. against James Woods, district president of the United Mine Workers of America, and others, to-day.

The union miners are enjoined from establishing their camps in the vicinity of the Reincke mines, from intimidating the non-union miners, and from attempting to induce the men now working to quit their employment.

The decision will have a far-reaching effect.

KILLED BY A BLOCK OF ICE.

Newark, O., Dec. 23.—While storing ice Sunday, William Walters, of Franklin's addition, aged 28, was struck on the head with a chunk and killed.

HOLIDAY BANK CLEARINGS
SHOW INCREASE OVER 1900

Merchants Doing Largest Business in History of
the City--Present Week Will Break
All Records.

Manager Krumlauf, of the Canton clearing house, reports the bank clearances for the past week ending with December 21 to be \$398,181.40. The clearances for the corresponding week of last year were \$320,287.98, showing a net increase for the week ending with

December 21, 1901, of \$77,893.42.

This is a large increase over last year and indicates that the merchants of the city are doing the largest business in the history of the city. The prospects for this week are that it will exceed the clearings of last week by a wide margin.

THEY DISAGREE

Jurymen in Rathbun
Case Can't Get Together

FOUR FOR ACQUITTAL

Are Sent Back by Judge With
Instructions to Produce a
Verdict--Life Insurance
Case.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)
Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 23.—The Rathbun jury after deliberating over two hours reported to Judge Marsh this morning that they could not agree. Judge Marsh sent the jury back telling them they ought to decide on a verdict as he saw no reason why one could not be rendered. It is said that eight stood for conviction and four for acquittal.

Rathbun is accused of murdering Charles Goodman and shipping the body to Little Rock, Arkansas, as his own in order to collect life insurance.

FUNERAL OF C. A. RUDY

Attended by Many Societies
and Undertakers from All
Parts of the Country.

The funeral of Charles A. Rudy, of Massillon, was held Sunday and was in charge of the Masonic order of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Rudy was also a member of the Protected Home Circle, Modern Woodmen, Royal Arcanum, and Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He was also vice president of the state association of funeral directors and was very prominent in church work.

"Gates Ajar" a beautiful floral piece was presented by the Canton undertakers and H. E. McCrea, representing the Undertakers' Association of Ohio presented a beautiful bouquet of roses.

The following undertakers from nearby towns were in attendance: Charles Billow, Akron; L. W. Denious, New Berlin; Julius Hugg, Navarre; A. F. Bunker, Stanwood; Daniel Myers, Oshtemo; and Messrs. E. D. McCrea, J. L. Arnold and F. N. Shilling, of Canton.

NEW PASTOR COMING.

After Many Delays, the Rev.
Welshimer Announces Open-
ing Sermon for Jan. 4.

The Rev. Charles F. Taylor, who has been filling the pulpit at the First Christian church until the Rev. Welshimer, of Millersburg, who has been chosen pastor of the church arrives stated at the services Sunday morning that Rev. Welshimer would arrive in this city in two weeks and would occupy the pulpit on Sunday, January 4.

Mr. Welshimer has been pastor at the Christian church in Millersburg for five years and is an eloquent speaker. He handed in his resignation to the Millersburg church twice before it was accepted, after which a committee of the leading citizens of Millersburg called upon him and asked him to refuse his new appointment and remain at the Millersburg church. Mr. Welshimer will reside at 126 West Second street.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Sixteen Year Old Girl Found
Dead in Barn With No Marks
of Violence.

Springfield, O., Dec. 23.—Miss Bessie Campbell, the sixteen-year-old daughter of D. H. Campbell, a prominent grain dealer and general merchant of Plattsburg, this county, was found unconscious last night in the barn on her father's lot. She never regained consciousness and died an hour later.

There was not a mark on her entire body to indicate an injury. The sad affair is shrouded in the most complete mystery. It is supposed that she had climbed on her pony and that the animal tossed the girl over his head, causing fatal injury to the brain and the spinal cord.

CHANGE RACKET

Attempted Upon Canton Mer-
chants by a Young Man Who
Was Too Slow.

A young man with a twenty dollar bill attempted to work the change racket on a number of Canton dealers last week, but so far as learned he was not successful. In each instance he was told to move on and take what change he had, so that instead of succeeding in filling his pockets with coin he ran out of \$20 bills and loaded up with a lot of trifling purchases.

Where he tried the racket he would make a small purchase and offer the bill. After he got his change he would suddenly discover a dollar in his pocket and ask for the bill back, as he did not want to carry so much loose money. His object was, of course, to get back his twenty and retain a part of the change, but Canton merchants read the papers and do not bite so easily.

GIFTS OF \$5,000 CASH.

Pierpont Morgan Said to be
Giving His Clerks Hand-
some Presents.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)
New York, Dec. 23.—Ten clerks employed by J. Pierpont Morgan are reported to have each received from the banker a Christmas present of \$5,000 in gold certificates.

NEARLY A MILLION LOSS.

Great Paper Mill at Hamilton
Destroyed by Fire at an
Early Hour.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)
Hamilton, O., Dec. 23.—Fire at the Champion Coated Paper works, which was not gotten under control until 3 o'clock this morning, caused a loss of \$850,000. The company's new building, which cost \$750,000, was saved.

EAGLES' SOCIAL.

Program Being Arranged for
Friday--Nomination of
Officers.

The Canton Eagles are making great preparations for a social session to be held at the lodge rooms in the Danne-miller block on North Market street next Friday evening. A committee has been appointed to arrange a program for the evening. The nomination of officers for the ensuing year will take place at this meeting.

DEATH FROM CANCER.

Mrs. Alvina Russell Dies After
a Long Illness--Funeral Tues-
day at 2 O'clock.

Mrs. Alvina Russell, the wife of William Russell, died at the residence of Harry A. Russell, of 1003 Sherrick avenue, at 9 o'clock Saturday night. The cause of death was cancer, with which she has been ailing about 18 years. She has been confined to her bed for the past two years. She is survived by her husband, who was formerly baggage man at the Pennsylvania passenger depot, her son, Harry Russell, and daughter, Mrs. Belle Renner.

Mrs. Russell was 51 years of age and was born in Washington county, Pa. She was married in 1866 and moved to Canton about 11 years ago and has been a resident of this city ever since. She was a devout member of the First Christian church. The funeral will be held from the late residence Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The interment will take place at Westlawn cemetery.

SWEAR OFF CIGARETTES.

Findlay, O., Dec. 23.—The eighty workmen in the ten-inch department of the Ohio rolling mill have voted that none of them shall smoke cigarettes, the culprits to be soundly thrashed if found adhering to the habit. So far the result has been that for a week not a man has overstepped the law. The management of the mill, it is said, is to raise the wages of the men, voluntarily, on account of their action.

DISCOVER NEW FUEL.

Coal Famine in Northwestern
Ohio Relieved by Finding of
Petroleum Coke.

Findlay, O., Dec. 23.—The timely discovery of a new fuel has lifted the coal famine that has threatened this city for the past ten days. Operators in the oil field had ceased on account of the lack of coal and the manufacturers of the city have been running as lightly as possible. This was all changed, however, by the accidental discovery that the refuse in the tar stills at the National refinery of this city was an excellent substitute for coal.

The stuff comes in brown chunks and has always been thrown away. It burns steadily and gives as great heat as an oil fire. Hundreds are using it and claim it better than coal for a steady and quick fire. It is considerably cheaper. The Canfield company, owners of the refinery, have called it "petroleum coke."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Alleged to be Responsible for
Dayton Woman's Death--In-
vestigation Will Follow.

Dayton, O., Dec. 23.—Coroner Hatcher has instituted an investigation of the circumstances attending the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Moses, wife of Isaac Moses, who conducts a grocery at the corner of Jefferson and Green streets. Mrs. Moses' sickness extended over a period of five days, during which time she was attended by Mr. and Mrs. John Hatton, Christian Science healers.

The coroner has not as yet been able to ascertain the cause of death, but says that a searching inquiry into the case will be made and that prosecution will follow if developments justify.

HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 23.—John Lucas asserts that his mother-in-law rules his house, counts his money and looks after his morals. His wife died some time ago, and since that time his mother-in-law has lived at his house. She had been arrested twice yesterday on the charge of assault and battery. Lucas says she wants to marry him. She is 56 and he 36.

WHOLE CHOIR ASPHYXIATED

Escaping Gas Enters Choir Loft
of Church and Puts Sudden
Stop to Services.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)
Columbus, O., Dec. 23.—Five members of the choir of the Second Baptist church last night were overcome by natural gas during the services and had to be removed in ambulances. Mrs. Martha Jones, Miss Lena Moss, Miss Bertha Davis and Miss Edna Payne rallied quickly after getting into the fresh air but owing to heart trouble Mrs. Susan Jordan did not completely revive until this morning.

The church janitor had turned the damper the wrong way, sending the fumes into the choir loft. The services were broken up by the incident.

YOUNG WOMAN DIES.

Miss Frances Hang Passes
Away at Age of 24--Funeral
on Christmas.

Miss Frances Hang died at the home of her parents, two and a half miles east of this city at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The deceased was 24 years of age. She was a consistent member of the German Baptist church and was an active worker in the Sunday school. She is survived by her parents, three sisters and one brother.

The funeral will be held Christmas morning from the Center church at 10 o'clock.

PRESENTS WHICH RECALL
OTHER CHRISTMAS DAYS

Portraits of Late President Sent to Mrs. McKin-
ley--One Was a Gift From
Senator Hanna.

A handsome picture of President McKinley was on exhibition Sunday and Monday at the post office, which had been presented to Mrs. McKinley by the Italians of Baltimore, who were great admirers of the late president. The frame is of gold and the picture is exquisite and surrounded by a solid gold wreath.

A dispatch from Cleveland says a portrait of the late president that is regarded by Senator Hanna as the best ever made will be sent by him soon to Mrs. McKinley, at Canton. A crayon artist having only one hand, the left one, made the picture. He used a subject the familiar photograph of Mc-

HE FAVORS IT

Mayor is For Remuner-
ation Idea for Fran-
chises.

THEY ARE VALUABLE

And Should be Paid for Accord-
ingly--City Clerk Says City
Should be Recom-
pensed.

The question raised by the News-Democrat, Saturday, as to whether or not the city should ask some specific benefits and considerations from companies or corporations seeking franchises is being discussed by city officials and others interested in the city government.

Among others who have expressed opinions regarding the matter is Mayor Robertson, who said: "The time has now come when the franchises granted by the city are valuable acquisitions to those seeking them and it would seem no more than fair that, in return for its liberality, the city should be benefited in some public way. If its expenses are lessened the taxpayers' burden is accordingly lightened. This could be done in many ways by demanding certain privileges from those who seek franchises."

"Anything in the shape of a money consideration would be out of the question," said City Clerk Loyd, "but there are plenty of ways in which the city ought to profit for the public good by the granting of franchises. Our public buildings ought to be heated and lighted at the expense of the companies operating under franchises instead of at the expense of the taxpayers. Those benefits could have been had for the asking and there is no reason why they should not be demanded in the future."

TO MAKE FINE ROADWAY.

Gravel Distributed Along the
Road to Akron for Over a
Mile.

Superintendent of Construction Dornwin, of the Canton and Akron railway, appeared before the county commissioners Monday morning and informed them that during the extremely cold weather he had turned his attention to graveling the highway along the electric railway line, and that there were from 10 to 18 inches of gravel on the road from the north end of Cleveland avenue to the Mexico school house, nearly two miles north of the city. In a day or two more the road will be gravelled as far as Greentown.

His object in calling the attention of the commissioners to the fact was in order that they might put a heavy roller upon the road. He said if this were done the gravel would pack and become firm as concrete. The commissioners will take immediate steps to have the road rolled. The graveling will be appreciated by the people who have to travel along the road. It has been almost impassable for weeks.

DEATH AT MAGNOLIA.

(Staff Special.)

Magnolia, Dec. 23.—Mrs. J. R. Wadsworth, of this place, died Sunday of a malady that has baffled the physicians. Her husband who has been similarly afflicted is thought to be recovering. The deceased is one of the most highly esteemed ladies of the community. Her age was 73 years. Funeral Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. from the Lutheran church. George Gasper, one of the oldest men in this vicinity, is lying at the point of death. His age is 84 years.

It is reported that leases have been taken on a lot of coal land and that large commercial mines will be opened near town soon. Magnolia is at present enjoying a boom from the activity of the present coal mines that are being operated to their full capacity, and if these new ones are secured the benefits will be still greater.

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Kinley and Hobart, seated side by side with an arbor as a background. McKinley's expression in the picture reflected good health and contentment and the portrait has been a favorite with his friends. The crayon artist improved upon the photograph and Senator Hanna is greatly pleased with the result of his work.

A Pittsburgh dispatch says: Member of the John Hart Children's chapter of the American Revolution will present to Mrs. William McKinley to be placed on the dead president's grave Christmas, a beautiful floral wreath. It is being made by a Pittsburgh florist and will be on exhibition to-morrow, Tuesday, it will be taken to Canton.